

# Kiwanis Club of Matthews

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*Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.*

## *Who's Who? 2010-2011*

### *President*

Brenda Mountain

### *President Elect*

John Kirwan

### *Vice President*

Gary Grefrath

### *Treasurer*

John Hovis

### *Secretary*

Rob Hunter

### *Past President*

Ralph Messera

### *Directors*

Andy Button

Tim Chevront

Steve Mitchell

Nancy Moore

Curt Shepard

*Please welcome our guest . . .*

*. . . Mary Bures, Manager, Volunteer Services  
Discovery Place*



Mary Bures is a native Floridian born and raised in St. Petersburg, Florida, -- one of eight girls. She is a graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science Degree in agriculture – environmental horticulture with design emphasis. She has had a lifelong passion for learning about and supporting all life – plants and animals. She owned and operated Custom Landscape and Design for six years in Palm Beach County, Florida, after having worked as the manager of the design and installation division for a landscape design and maintenance firm in South Florida for two years. Her interest in the outdoors and nature has always been a part of her life. She enjoys

helping others to see, appreciate, understand, and value the beauty and wonder of our natural world. She believes that when someone understands and values something, they are better able and willing to care for and protect it. During the time that she has lived in Charlotte, she has continued this effort as an employee at Discovery Place for almost 20 years.

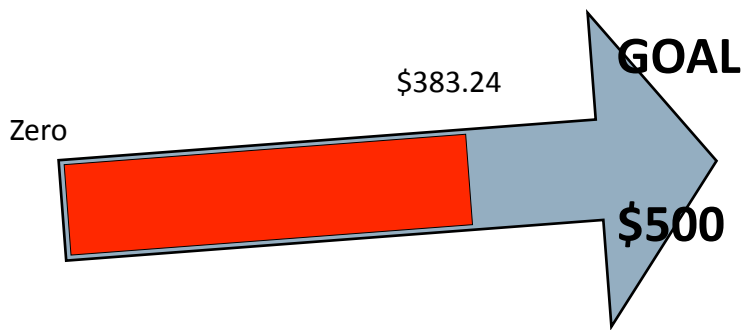
Over these years, Mary has held a variety of positions, including directing the health, environmental, biological sciences departments, special projects, research, and evaluation. Mary is currently serving as the manager of Volunteer Services for Discovery Place, Charlotte Nature Museum, and Discovery Place KIDS. She is on the board for the Habitat and Wildlife Keepers, a North Carolina chapter of the Wildlife Federation in Matthews and serves on the board for Journey Toward Sustainability.

Shhhhhh . . .

**Please be considerate of our guest speakers and others at your table by keeping table conversations to a minimum.**

**Thank you!**





In the past two weeks, we collected \$18.01, bringing our total to \$383.24 for our Change for the Children campaign, which supports “The Eliminate Project,” a joint effort of Kiwanis International and UNICEF. With just about one month remaining, be sure to empty your pockets and purses!

For more information, visit [www.TheEliminateProject.org](http://www.TheEliminateProject.org).



I think I've discovered the secret of life -- you just hang around until you get used to it. -- Charles Schulz

### Look who's happy!

John K. says his kids have nothing to do. (Doesn't seem like anyone's too happy about that!)

Brenda has sparkles in her hair in anticipation of going to Dallas, Texas, for a Mary Kay convention.

John H. was called for jury duty and is happy that he wasn't picked.

Karen is happy to be back from Virginia. Her daughter has champagne taste when it comes to colleges.

### More About Eliminate

The Eliminate Project Charity Walk on June 30 attracted 1,400 Key Clubbers who were attending the Key Club International Convention in Phoenix. That turnout required a lot of volunteers—and Key Club alums ([www.keyclub.org/alumni](http://www.keyclub.org/alumni)) stepped forward.

Along with alumni from [Circle K International](http://www.circlek.org/alumni) ([www.circlek.org/alumni](http://www.circlek.org/alumni)) the volunteers helped walkers raise more than US\$15,000 in the fundraising campaign for The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus. Volunteers split into teams to lead groups of walkers through the walk site, a golf course; cheered on participants and carried signs that highlighted the effects of MNT, inspiring others to get involved.

Find photos of the big event on Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/keyclubintl/5890214752/in/photostream>].

### August Speakers

11 - **Matthews Playhouse**

18 - **Eric Thomas, Meteorologist, WBTV**

### August Birthdays

8 - **Richard Kay**

17 - **Ralph Messera**

25 - **Nancy Williams**

### August Anniversaries

5 - **Lori and Tim Cheuvront**

13 - **Sharon and Gary Grefrath**

### Trivia

*Dom Perignon (1638 - 1715), a Benedictine monk, is often credited as the inventor of champagne. While he made many contributions to the production and quality, the sparkling beverage wasn't in demand until the mid-19th century. While you can purchase a bottle at your local wine store for just about \$145, in 2010 a vintage bottle of 1996 Rose Gold, dubbed the "King of Champagne," was purchased in the bar of a London hotel for the equivalent of \$57,517 USD. After adding in the service charge and a tip, the delectable drink cost the buyer \$82,168 USD. That's a lot of bubbles!*